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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

## LOOKS LIKE A DEFECT.

Reading that the people of the Philippines desire the abolishment of the present judicial process on the islands, where the judicial process is summary and cases heard by judges appointed by the Philippines commission, and the inauguration of the jury system of the jury system of trial, such as is enjoyed by Americans. The Filipinos do not complain that their judges are corrupt or that they are incapable or unnecessarily severe, but that the present procedure denies them many rights which are deemed indispensable by the citizens of the United States. It is but another of the many questions arising from our control of a people who are looking forward, but not yet admitted to, real American citizenship, representation and self government.

That mention of jury trials brings back to our mind what we have often considered a weakness in present jury methods. Suppose that John Doe, a high state official, elected by all the people, shall be accused of a serious breach of trust which, if proved, shall make him a felon in the eyes of the law. He is brought to trial, and a jury of his peers is to be selected to pass judgment upon him. No man is qualified to sit on that jury who has expressed an opinion as to the case, or who even formed a definite opinion as to the guilt or innocence of John Doe. Now, in these days of the daily press, when practically every one in the union is informed of anything of import which transpires in that state, within twenty-four hours after its happening, what man of intelligence but will have either formed some opinion, or expressed some opinion as to the case? And when the trial is held in the immediate vicinity of the alleged crime, and for days has been subject to the delectation attendant upon local gossip, how can a jury of intelligent men be picked from the very center of this maelstrom of talk? Either the man who swears in the jury box, that he has neither formed nor expressed an opinion is not a man capable of thinking for himself, and thus incapable of passing judgment upon the evidence adduced at the trial, or he perjures himself, and thus is again disqualified.

It has been suggested in some quarters that the district judges of any state be divided into tribunals of three, the three judges sitting, as a body, and in turn, in the various district courts, and that to these three be left the decisions in all cases. These men are trained jurists, and accustomed to hearing evidence upon both sides of cases impartially and without prejudice. They are not to be swayed by sensational displays of evidence, nor are they subject to that demoralizing effect to which every jury is susceptible when final pleas are made by an attorney on the one hand who is capable of playing upon the entire gamut of their emotions, and a lawyer on the other hand, while presenting facts in a masterly manner is incapable of grasping the heartstrings of his audience, the jury. It is not for us to advocate the doing away of the jury. It is one of the most cherished traditions and institutions of the American people. It is merely to suggest that a manifestly evident weak spot be strengthened.

## HE'S ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

J. C. McCormack, the Goldfield millionaire, under whose management the Broken Hills Mining company and the Clifford mining district in general are being developed, was in Tonopah on business yesterday and in a talk with a Bonanza writer said, in effect: "I believe that next year will be one of the best and biggest Nevada has ever had, despite all this hard times talk. Big interests are to take hold here, and where they lead the way, the smaller investors follow. The one thing to be done is to safeguard the legitimate mining interests and see that wildcat operations are nipped in the bud."

Mr. McCormack represents extensive interests, and is in close touch with large investors in the east, and qualified to know whereof he speaks. He is giving proof of the fact that the above are his honest convictions by the development he has under way at Clifford.

Mr. McCormack is on the right track. He believes in the future of Nevada and is showing the world his belief not only by talking "Nevada" at every opportunity, but by spending his money in Nevada. The sooner every one in the state follows suit, the sooner the development of Nevada. If you have no money to spend, get in and talk Nevada, first, last and all the time—talk Nevada while you are awake and keep on talking Nevada while you are asleep. To paraphrase a popular expression which is more to the point than elegant, "Talk makes the grass grow."

We have a sort of suspicion that Francis J. Heney is wishing that much of the energy which is now being expended in sympathizing with him, on the part of the San Francisco people, had been expended before the shooting in moral support. Sympathy is usually a good deal like a pleasant epitaph on one's tombstone.

It is most appropriate that Servia should be clamoring for a slice of Turkey about Thanksgiving time. Who says that a sense of the eternal fitness of things is dead?

A genealogist has managed to contrive a long list of earls and dukes as the ancestors of Mrs. Russell Sage. We don't see why that should so excite the newspapers and some of the four hundred. The ancestors are long since past caring what they are blamed for.

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## AUTO RACERS HAVE FOUND A NEW MECCA

Ho, for Autolake.

On Sunday local automobile enthusiasts will journey to what was once Millers lake, fifteen miles northeast of Goldfield, but which has been changed by their own might and magic into the more racy and classy name of Autolake. And when they arrive at nature's race course they will be served with coffee and sandwiches and have a jolly time, showing off their mechanical steeds and dreaming of the coming of the world's greatest racers from every section of the globe.

Walter C. Stone is chairman of the committee making arrangements for the auto run and he has made marvelous progress. Every autoist and motor cyclist whom he has approached has fallen in with the scheme and there will be a merry run to the new mecca. It is planned for the cars to leave Goldfield in single file Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and the run to the lake will be made in easy time, the drivers reserving their speed bursts for the show at Autolake. Some of those who have already signified their intention of making the run are: D. Mackenzie, W. S. Elliott, G. L. Richard, L. L. Patrick,

John Woodbridge, W. E. Mitchell, J. H. Mackenzie, James E. Keelyn, George Vickers, William Erb, Walter Stone, George B. Holleran and Thos. Murphy.

Stone says that no races have yet been arranged for the day but several may be fixed up on the spot.

Monroe Brown is urging the motor cyclists to make the run and he will lead them.

Palm Beach in Florida has been the mecca for automobile racers, the long sandy beach being ideal for fast driving but Goldfielders have discovered in the Ralston desert a stretch of dry hard sand known as Millers lake that will make a perfect race course and plans are now under way to interest the outside automobilists to run some of the world's greatest races here.

There is no other place in the United States so well adapted by nature for the purpose. The sand is firm and resilient; the big cars do not dig furrows into it nor does the dust rise in clouds behind the cars, which is the case on most courses. Local autoists will make every effort to influence outside enthusiasts in this undertaking.

## Order of Railway Conductors Change Their Headquarters

Headquarters of the Order of Railway Conductors, Division 478, have been removed from Tonopah to Goldfield, and the first meeting will be held at Carpenters' hall in that city next Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Division 478 was organized in Tonopah three years ago, and has remained there ever since, but owing to the overshadowing importance of Goldfield as a railroad center it was deemed advisable to come over here where more members are employed. This was the first railroad labor organization instituted in southern Nevada, and at the outset had thirty-seven members. There was only one other division in the state. The division has about fifty-five members in good standing at the present time, and it is hoped to double that number, as there are a number of veteran conductors engaged in other lines of business in this city who will accept the opportunity of renewing old associations. In addition to these there are the men running on the

southern roads who will probably transfer to this division instead of Las Vegas or Los Angeles, where they now pay their dues.

The chief conductor of Division 478 is that veteran, W. A. Cheek, who is found riding regularly on the Tonopah and Goldfield passenger trains. He is a native of Nevada, and for twenty years held down a run on the Southern Pacific out of Ogden to Reno. He cast his fortune with the Tonopah and Goldfield when the line was first projected, and before the road reached Tonopah, and has remained with that company to this day. He is known to every traveler in Nevada, and is esteemed by every man who is fortunate in making his acquaintance.

W. E. Paull, general yardmaster of the Tonopah and Goldfield at Goldfield, is secretary and treasurer, and has held that position for the last three years. He is a good man, and prior to coming to this city held down the night shift at Tonopah. He and his family have been identified with Goldfield, and they are proud of the coming of the headquarters.

Joe N. Fisher, assistant chief conductor, is another member of the Tonopah and Goldfield staff, having been with that line for four years, and before that had a run out of Needles, California, on the Santa Fe. The initial meeting in Goldfield will be held Sunday evening at Carpenters' hall, when new officers will be elected for the ensuing year. Goldfield Tribune.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Tonopah, Nev., Nov. 20, 1908.  
To the Public:

Prior to this date I was employed on the construction of the steam fitting of the Mizpah hotel as a steam-fitter's helper. Today I was discharged on the ground of incompetency. I wish to state that at the present time I hold a state engineer's license, which the master plumber does not, and I demand a sealed examination from him so I can show that I am capable of answering any question put to me relative to plumbing and steamfitting. I do not consider the master plumber as such on either high or low pressure, and will not consider him in that capacity until he shows his state certificate.

JOHN KENNEDY.  
1-t paid.

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